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I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD HAPPEN. I TOLD YOU. BUT DO YOU EVER LISTEN TO ME? NO. NEVER. YOU JUST GO ABOUT DOING WHATEVER IT IS THAT TAKES YOUR FANCY.

SHUT UP.

NO. I WON'T SHUT UP. YOU'RE GONNA HEAR ME WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT. YOU'RE A STUPID, DUMB, IDIOTIC, LITTLE GIRL TRAPPED IN A BIG TAKE FOUR YOU TO LEARN YOU CAN'T TRUST THESE PEOPLE?

SHE DRUGGED ME?

HE DRUGGED YOU. IT WAS A HIM PRETENDING TO BE A HER. A WOLF PRETENDING TO BE A SHEEP. AND YOU FELL RIGHT FOR IT.

I... I THINK THAT WAS MY BROTHER, DRAKE. B-BUT THAT COULDN'T BE RIGHT. WHY WOULD DRAKE... BE HERE?\*

I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT DRAKE.

WHY?

I SAID I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT!

ME NEITHER.

THANK YOU.

I'M SO TIRED. I WANT TO CLOSE MY EYES. JUST TO REST FOR A MOMENT. A FEW SECONDS TO DRIFT...

...AND BE MY DREAMS TAKE ME AWAY.

\*Editors Note: See Tales From Wonderland: Hatter One Shot -- aka Volume One -- for the rest of the class who haven't been paying attention.

PAGE!





AM I DREAMING? IS ANY OF THIS REAL? IF WONDERLAND IS THIS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO DREAM WITHIN A DREAM.

FOR SO LONG YOU'VE BEEN AFRAID OF BECOMING CORRUPTED BY THE MADNESS.

THAT YOU WOULD BE TAINTED BY THE INSANITY OF THIS PLACE.

ALL THIS TIME YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING AGAINST THE INEVITABLE AND WHERE HAS IT GOTTEN YOU?

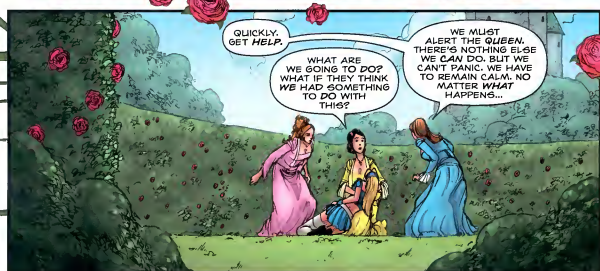
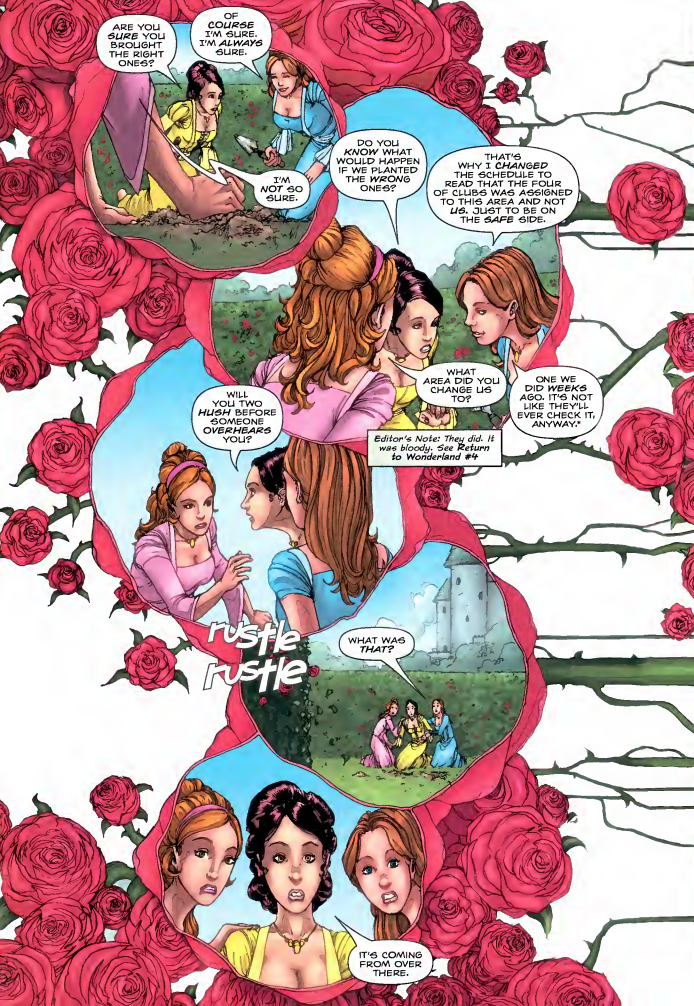
JUST LET GO, ALICE. EMBRACE THE DARKNESS GROWING IN YOUR HEART. WE CAN ALL SEE IT. THAT BITTERNESS YOU HAVE ALLOWED TO FESTER AND SPREAD ITS INFECTION ACROSS THE MAD OF YOUR SOUL.

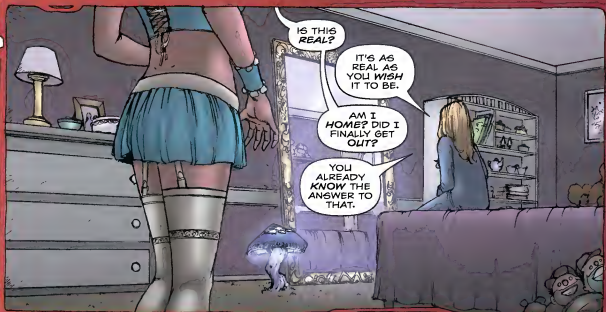
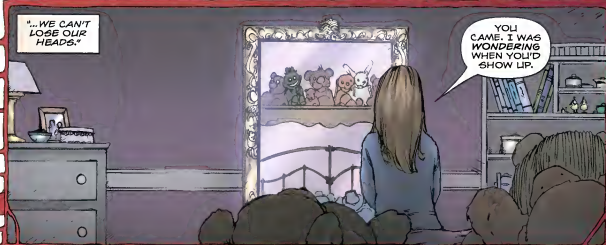
ALL THOSE ROADS LEAD TO ONLY ONE PLACE.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO MADNESS











ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A LITTLE GIRL NAMED ALICE WHO MADE A DEAL WITH AN EVIL ENTITY IN EXCHANGE FOR THE CHANCE TO RETURN HOME.

SHE KNEW THE CREATURE WAS EVIL. SHE KNEW THE HORROR SHE WOULD UNLEASH UPON THE WORLD TO MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH SUCH A BEAST.

BUT SHE DID SO, NONETHELESS. SHE DID SO REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES.

THE JABBERWOCKY RELEASED HER. HE SENT HER HOME, BUT WHAT SHE DID NOT KNOW WAS THAT THE CREATURE PLACED A PIECE OF HIMSELF IN HER SOUL.

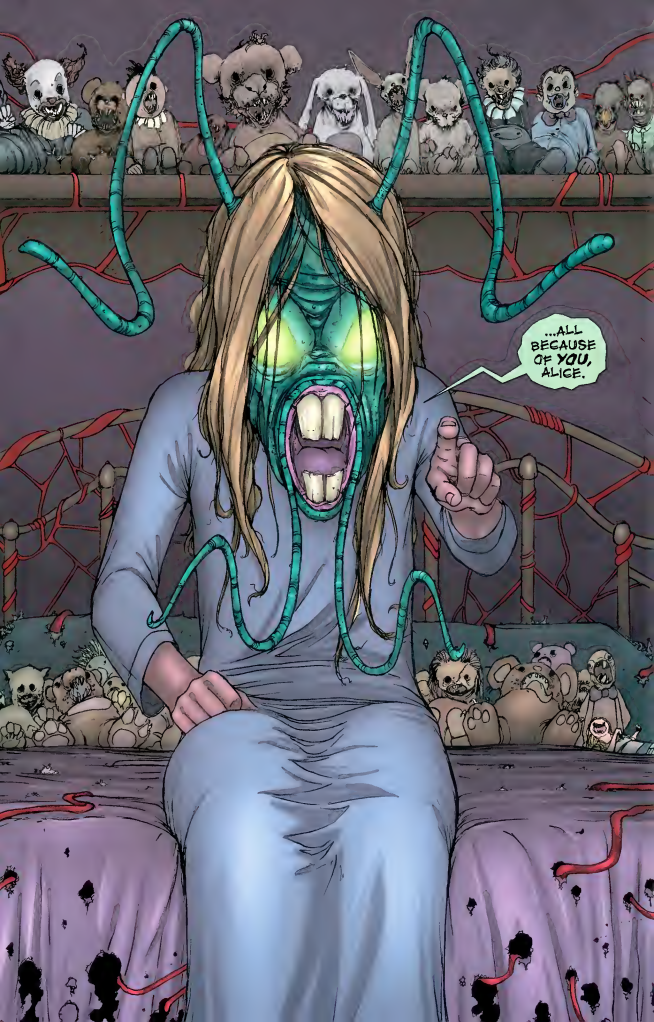
A PIECE THAT WOULD ACT AS A CONNECTION BETWEEN WONDERLAND AND THAT OF THE REAL WORLD, A CONNECTION THAT WOULD GROW AND EVENTUALLY ALLOW WONDERLAND TO ESCAPE ITS PRISON OF MADNESS AND FEED ON THE WAKING WORLD.\*

YOU ARE NO MORE THAN A PAWN IN HIS GRAND SCHEME. A MISSING PIECE OF THE PUZZLE. WITH YOU, HIS CONNECTION TO THE REAL WORLD WILL GROW STRONG.

YOU AND YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BECOME HIS CONDUITS... WITH YOU HE WILL ESCAPE AND SPILL HIS INSANITY OUT ONTO THE EARTH.

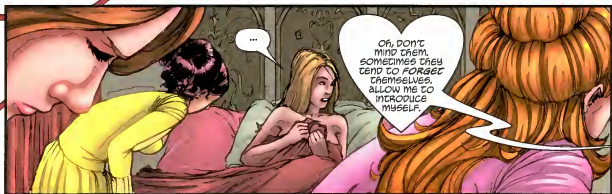
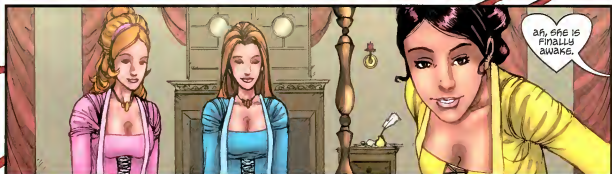
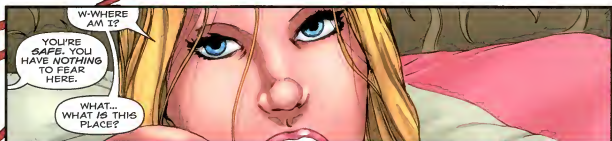
THE WORLD WILL SUFFER...

Editors Note: Alice in Wonderland #1. Were you watching close when it happened?



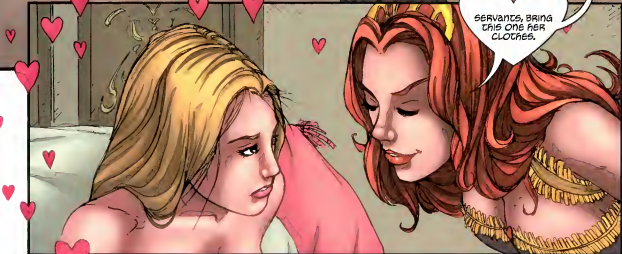
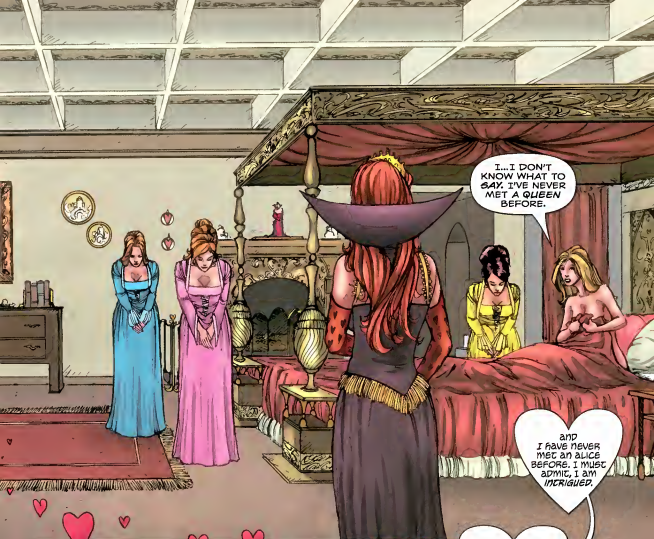
...ALL  
BECAUSE  
OF YOU,  
ALICE.







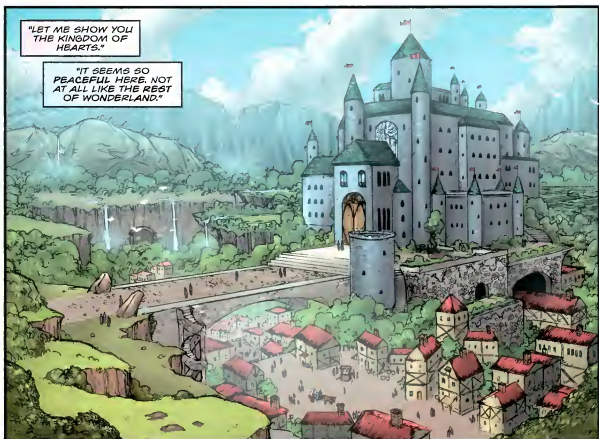
I AM THE QUEEN OF  
HEARTS. WELCOME TO  
WONDERLAND, LITTLE  
ALICE. I HAVE HEARD  
SUCH A GREAT  
DEAL ABOUT  
YOU.





"LET ME SHOW YOU  
THE KINGDOM OF  
HEARTS."

"IT SEEMS SO  
PEACEFUL HERE. NOT  
AT ALL LIKE THE REST  
OF WONDERLAND."



EVERYONE  
SEEMS SO...  
HAPPY.

BECAUSE THEY  
ARE. LIFE HERE IS  
A DREAM. NOT  
THAT NIGHTMARE  
YOU EXPERIENCED  
OUTSIDE OF  
THE CASTLE  
WALLS.

AS YOU CAN SEE,  
ALL MY SUBJECTS  
ARE *CONTENT*.  
THEY HAVE  
COME TO SEE  
THAT MY  
WAY...



ARE YOU INSANE? DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF  
THE GUARDS CAUGHT YOU OUT  
PAST SUNDOWN? YOU KNOW  
BETTER, HEDDIE.

I'M TIRED OF  
PRETENDING. HOW  
CAN WE KEEP  
LIVING...

Stop.  
The Queen's  
coming.



Ahem. GREETINGS, YOUR  
MAJESTY. BEAUTIFUL DAY  
AND NO PLACE BETTER IN  
THE WORLD TO SEE IT  
FROM.



...IS THE  
BEST  
WAY.



and, speaking of my way, I want you to know you are **COMPLETELY** safe here. I am aware of the Jabberwocky's search for you and I have **NO** plans to turn you over to him.

JUST BECAUSE HE RULES THIS REALM DOESN'T MEAN HE RULES **ME**.

BUT WHAT IF HE COMES HERE, OR SENDS THE CAT AGAIN?

THE CAT AND I HAVE AN **AGREEMENT**. HE STAYS OFF MY LANDS AND I STAY OFF HIS. AS FOR THE JABBERWOCKY, HE DOESN'T COME HERE, HE'S LONG LEARNED IT BEST TO LEAVE ME TO MY **OWN** DEVICES, AND **SPEAKING** OF DEVICES...

...HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED **CROQUET**?

NO. I'VE SEEN IT PLAYED BEFORE BUT I'VE NEVER...

WELL THEN, CAT'S JUST **PERFECT**. TODAY YOU SHALL PLAY WITH ME AT THE TOURNAMENT OF **BROKEN** HEARTS.

NO. I COULDN'T, I'M MUCH TOO **SHY**.

WHAT? HAVE YOU SEEN WHAT YOU'RE WEARING, GIRL? YOU MUST BE **MAD**.

nonsense. I **INSIST**.

I'M HONORED, YOUR MAJESTY, BUT I REALLY MUST **DECLINE**.

GOOD THINKING, ALICE. DON'T GET INVOLVED. WATCH FROM THE **SIDELINES**. IT'S MUCH SAFER THAT WAY.

VERY WELL. I UNDERSTAND. YOU WILL AT LEAST BE JOINING US IN A **SPECTATOR** CAPACITY?

WHY, YES. YES, OF **COURSE**.

WONDERFUL. NOW COME ALONG, DEAR. WE WOULDN'T WANT TO BE **LATE**.

AND HERE WE ARE.

IT-IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

YES, IT IS. NOW, LET THE GAMES **BEGIN!**

IN HONOR OF OUR GUEST TODAY, THE WINNER OF TODAY'S GAME SHALL RECEIVE AN EXCEPTIONAL PRIZE UNLIKE ANY OFFERED BEFORE. THE WINNER OF TODAY'S GAME SHALL RECEIVE THEIR FREEDOM.

AND YES, I AM AWARE OF HOW SILLY THE IDEA OF FREEDOM SOUNDS IN LIGHT OF THE WONDERFUL EXISTENCE OF ABSOLUTE HAPPINESS THAT COMES WITH BEING A CITIZEN OF THE HEART. BUT I AM FEELING QUITE SILLY TODAY.

SO WHO SHALL PLAY IN TODAY'S GAME?

WHO WILL FACE THEIR QUEEN? COME, NOW, IS THERE NONE WHO WILL STEP FORWARD AND PROVIDE THEIR QUEEN WITH A BIT OF SPORT? NONE COMEING ENOUGH TO MEET THE CHALLENGE YOUR KIND AND GENEROUS RULER HAS OFFERED UP TODAY?

AH, FINALLY. A CHALLENGER. BRING THIS FINE GENTLEMEN HIS BIRD AND LET US BEGIN.

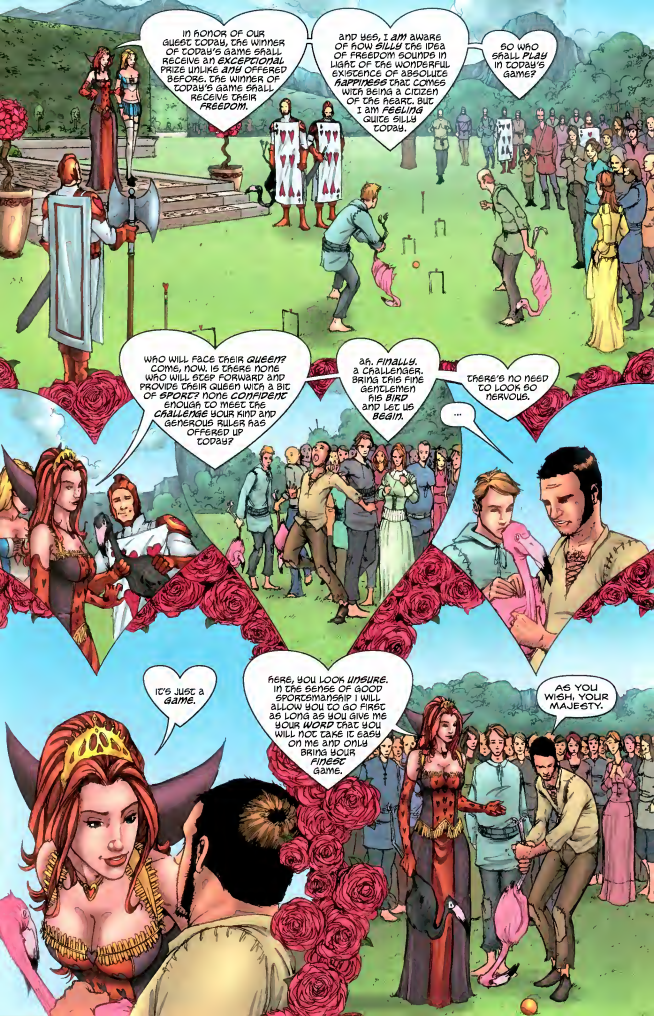
THERE'S NO NEED TO LOOK SO NERVOUS.

...

IT'S JUST A GAME.

HERE, YOU LOOK UNSURE. IN THE SENSE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP I WILL ALLOW YOU TO GO FIRST AS LONG AS YOU GIVE ME YOUR WORD THAT YOU WILL NOT TAKE IT EASY ON ME AND ONLY BRING YOUR FINEST GAME.

AS YOU WISH, YOUR MAJESTY.





YES!  
YES!

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
IT!

I WON!  
I'M FREE!  
I'M...

...FREE?

DON'T MIND THEM. YOU  
PERFORMED ADMIRABLY. YOU  
OBTAINED FREEDOM BUT ONE  
CANNOT FAULT THE EXTENT  
OF YOUR AMBITION.  
YOU BETTER ME  
AND AS WAS  
PROMISED...

...YOU SHALL HAVE  
YOUR REWARD.  
YOU SHALL  
HAVE YOUR  
FREEDOM.

AXE,  
PLEASE?

YOUR  
MAJESTY...  
I-I... I MEANT  
NO OFFENSE.  
NO HARM...

AND THERE  
HAS BEEN  
NO HARM  
DONE.

AT  
LEAST, NOT  
YET.

Noooo!

ARE YOU MAD, ALICE? DON'T DRAW  
ATTENTION TO YOURSELF. YOU KNOW  
WHAT HAPPENS EVERY TIME YOU DO.

CHOK

IT ALWAYS  
ENDS IN  
BLOOD.

THAT WAS  
EXQUISITE.  
NOW...

...WHO'S  
NEXT?

NO. NO  
MORE. THAT'S  
ENOUGH.

~SIGH~  
YOU NEVER  
LISTEN.

THAT'S  
FAR ENOUGH,  
MISS.

WHAT SEEMS TO  
BE THE PROBLEM,  
MY DEAR? NOT  
ENJOYING THE  
GAME?

DON'T. DON'T YOU  
EVEN THINK ABOUT  
IT. JUST TAKE A  
MINUTE TO THINK  
THIS THROUGH.  
JUST THINK.

ALICE? ALICE, ARE  
YOU LISTENING TO  
ME? YOU'RE NOT  
LISTENING TO ME,  
ARE YOU? ~SIGH~

FINE. GO  
AHEAD.

HE DIDN'T  
CHEAT. I SAW  
THE WHOLE  
THING.

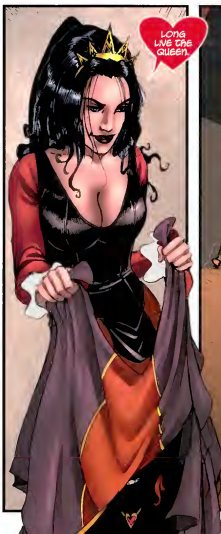
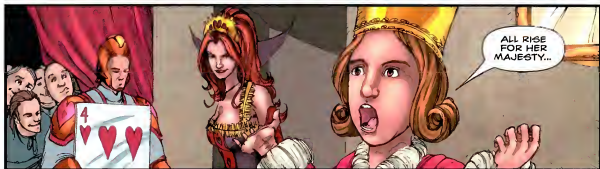
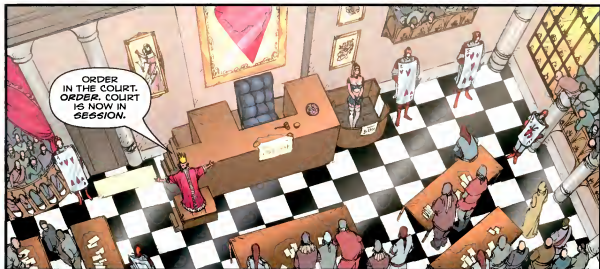
YOU LOST  
FAIR AND SQUARE  
AND INSTEAD OF  
BEING FAIR YOU'RE  
NOTHING MORE  
THAN A BIG, OLD,  
FAT, SPOILED  
SPORT.

Hey,  
I'm not  
fat.

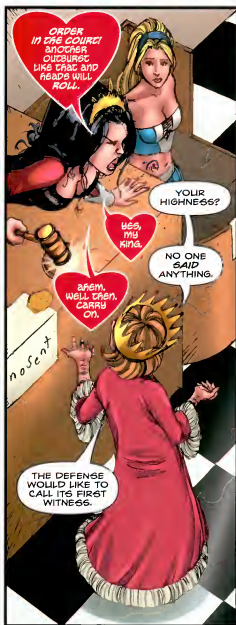
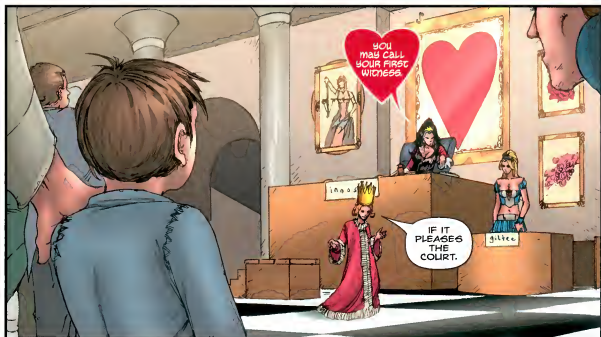
...DID YOUR  
DRESS JUST  
TALK?

SO YOU ADMIT YOU  
WATCHED HIM CHEAT  
THIS ENTIRE TIME  
YET CHOSE TO BE  
SILENT AND SAY  
NOTHING?

VERY WELL, TAKE HER  
AWAY. IF THE GAME IS NOT  
TO YOUR LIKING PERHAPS  
A SEAT ON TRIAL  
WILL PROVE MORE  
DILIGATING.









...THAN WITH A  
LITTLE  
HEARTBREAK.

SKAASH!



NEXT TIME  
REMEMBER  
TO KEEP YOUR  
MOUTH  
SHUT.

CAN I COME  
BACK UP  
NOW?

NO, I'M STILL  
AWAY. YOU  
DON'T THINK  
I'M FAT, DO  
YOU?

NONSENSE.  
YOU'RE QUITE  
LOVELY,  
SISTER.

CLEARLY, THE  
GIRL WAS  
MAD.

CLEARLY.  
LET'S FEAST.

HAVE THEY  
LEFT YET?  
HAVE THEY  
GONE?

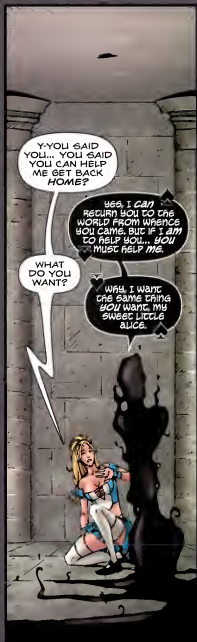
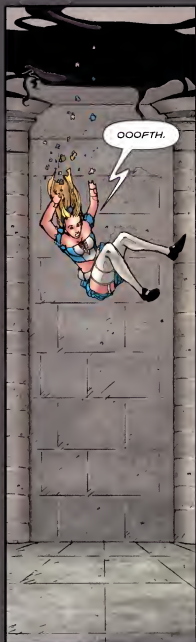
GOOD.

HELLO, MY  
LOVELY, YOU HAVE  
MET SO MANY WHO HAVE  
LONGED TO MAKE YOUR  
ACQUAINTANCE, SO MANY  
WHO DESIRE YOU ONLY FOR  
THEIR OWN SELFISH  
NEEDS.

BUT  
NOT I.

I HAVE  
COME TO  
TAKE YOU  
HOME.







I want  
you to kill the  
JABBERWOCKY.

TO BE  
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